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The DEQ Seeks Comments on Missoula Sawmill Facility Cleanup

Helena - The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking public comment on an amendment to the May 2007 Voluntary Cleanup Plan for the Missoula Sawmill Facility, also known as Champion Sawmill.

The Missoula Sawmill Facility is a 45-acre inactive sawmill west of McCormick Park in Missoula. During cleanup activities conducted under the approved plan, trichloroethene (TCE), a chlorinated solvent, was detected in vapors from the soil at the former tractor repair shop area of the facility. The TCE concentrations in the soil vapor exceeded generic screening numbers for the protection of human health.

The Millsite Revitalization Project, Inc., developers of the property, calculated a site-specific soil vapor cleanup level for TCE at the former tractor repair shop area. Geomatrix, an environmental consulting firm, prepared the amendment, which describes how the site-specific level was calculated.

The amendment is available for public review and comment from June 6 through July 6, 2008. Copies are at the Missoula Public Library, the Missoula City/County Environmental Health office and the DEQ's Remediation Division offices in Helena. An electronic version of the text, tables, figures and appendices of the amendment will be available at www.deq.mt.gov/pubcom.asp. Alternative accessible formats of the amendment will be provided upon request.

Questions may be directed to Kate Fry, the DEQ Project Manager for the cleanup. She can be reached at (406) 841-5066 or 1-800-246-8198. Written comments should be submitted to kfry@mt.gov or MT DEQ, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT, 59620, attention Kate Fry.

A Voluntary Cleanup Plan is defined under the Montana Voluntary Cleanup and Redevelopment Act (VCRA), which is part of the Montana Comprehensive Environmental Cleanup and Responsibility Act (CECRA), also known as state superfund.

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